

PORT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD**

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A regular meeting was held on **October 21, 2013** at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Chair John Katers at 1:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: John Katers, Chair  
Mark Vanden Busch, Vice-Chair  
Lisa Bauer-Lotto (arrived at 2:10pm)  
John Kennedy  
Mike Van Lanen  
Norb Dantine, Treasurer  
Ray Kopish

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County  
Chad Doverspike, Brown County  
Mark Walter, Brown County  
Dan Hawk, WEE Community Co-Op  
Judy Hawk, WEE Community Co-Op  
Robyn Nielsen, UWGB

Excused: Dave Landwehr  
Bud Harris

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ray Kopish and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. Unanimously approved.**

4. Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2013

**A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Kennedy and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. Unanimously approved.**

5. Brown County Hwy 54 Landfill Barn Project - Request for Action

**A motion to suspend the rules to allow Representatives of WEE Co-Op to speak was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers.**

Unanimously approved.

WEE Community Co-Op proposes to rent the west landfill barn for \$100 per month. They would like to initially use the part of the barn that has the gravel floor and try to raise approximately 10,000 perch over the next 24 months. This would include getting permits from the DNR and Hobart. All of the water used there would be filtered by carbon filtration. The idea is if the raising of the fish goes well, they would like to expand to the rest of the barn for agricultural products while up keeping and maintaining the barn.

Additional uses of the Transfer Station require a permit from the Village of Hobart. The barn is under-utilized right now. The Solid Waste Board requests additional information from WEE Community Co-Op with regards to their business plan.

**A motion to return to regular session was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved. A motion was made to request additional information from the WEE Community Co-Op to potentially use the barn out on Hwy 54 on the landfill footprint and setting up an agreement. Unanimously approved.**

6. Recycling and Solid Waste Transfer Station Hauling Contract – Update

On August 9, Brown County received notice that Badgerland Express had filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. Badgerland Express hauls both waste and recyclables from Brown County Transfer Stations with the contracts valued at \$2M/year. Staff executed short-term and long-term contingencies plans. On September 19, Brown County received notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, that our current contractor had filed motions to assume Executory Contract for both the existing solid waste and recycling hauling contract. On September 27, Brown County filed motions of rejections and for relief from automatic stay to the contractor's motion regarding the solid waste hauling contract. Brown County requested an immediate hearing. A court assigned trustee will review our motion on November 6. If reviewed favorably, resolution to the solid waste hauling contract will result and Dean Haen will bring the RFQ results to this committee as requested. If not reviewed favorably, a Court Hearing is scheduled December 3, 2013. Both contracts expire next summer and Purchasing Department has determined that the RFQ pricing is valid for one year.

**A motion to receive and place on file was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved.**

7. Recycling Storage Capacity and Compactor Analysis – Update

Sloan Vazquez LLC had put together a tipping floor storage capacity analysis for the BOW system as a whole. The draft indicates that the BOW system has sufficient capacity for storage. The department has asked them to specifically look at Brown County's recycling storage capacity. They will give the department a determination in the final report regarding Brown County's capacity. An added working item will be to analyze placing a compactor at the Brown County location. Staff analysis has determined that there is less than a five year return on investment. In addition, a compactor will create more capacity, potentially increase route truck access, eliminate specialized front-end loader and address other operational issues.

**A motion to receive and place on file was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers.** Unanimously approved.

8. HHW Awareness Week – Update

There are a few items at HHW that costs will be increased to dispose of in 2014. HHW Awareness Week was October 7<sup>th</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup>. There was advertisement on Cumulus Radio Stations that cost \$5,000 for two weeks which had a lot of feedback. There was also an article in the Press-Gazette and an interview on Channel 5 in the morning on the talk show. Normally, HHW gets 100 people per day on the normal days of operation (Thursdays and Saturdays). With HHW awareness week, HHW was open an additional day, Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>. On Monday they received 71 people, Thursday 176 people and Saturday 174.

HHW is exploring providing services in 2014 to other counties like Door and Calumet.

**A motion to receive and place on file was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers.** Unanimously approved.

9. Director's Report

Green Bay recently researched the cost of landfill disposal at a private landfill with the intention of contracting with them effective January 1. We are currently under an enforceable 1998 agreement. Based on our analysis, Brown County is the most cost effective service provider when considering all the additional services provided to Green Bay and its residents by Brown County. The additional services of HHW, sharps and pharmaceuticals programs are paid by municipal landfill tipping fees.

Staff has attended several city meetings at the request of Supervisor and City Council President Tom DeWane. Brown County is optimistic that Green Bay will sign the new Solid Waste Management Services Agreement. The new agreement was drafted between the urban municipalities and Brown County cooperatively

with the lead negotiator for the municipalities being a Green Bay representative. Last year, 23 of the 24 County municipalities signed the agreement. By signing the agreement, Green Bay will realize an immediate savings of \$31,000/year. Brown County is very interested in continuing its long standing cooperative relationship with the City.

The County Board has approved the financial analysis completed by Schenk and Associates. One of the outcomes of the analysis was for Brown County to improve our financial performance considering several suggestions. To-date, Mr. Haen has had discussions with County Finance, Brian Massey (Finance Director at Outagamie County), and Fred Monique (Vice President of Economic Development at Advance of Green Bay Chamber of Commerce). Additional meetings are scheduled with Pat Webb, Brown County Stadium District, Treasurer Kerry Blaney and Bryan Hyska, Associated Bank in preparation of developing an investment plan.

Brown County has approached the Village of Hobart regarding a desire to amend the settlement agreement with the Village of Hobart for the Transfer Station. The major amendment would be to allow Brown County semi-trailers to access Hwy 41 via Hwy 54 westbound and 172 rather than Hwy 54 eastbound. This would be a cost savings to Brown County. Hobart is interested in further discussing this matter.

A RFQ has been established to haul approximately 55,000 tons of sludge from Fox River Fiber down to Outagamie County for daily cover. The current contract expires at the end of this calendar year.

The 2014 budget has \$100,000 to hire an engineering consulting firm to design the South Landfill Resource Recovery Park and redesign the landfill. Acreage and orientation of the roads will also need to be laid out in a site plan. Staff wanted the Board to be aware that the successful firm of the RFQ may likely be the long-term engineering firm for construction of the South Landfill and beyond.

The Waste Stream Committee is looking into a pilot collection of organics. Kyle Sandmire, a UWGB student, is preparing an organics survey of existing drop off collection programs around the country.

There are some legislative measures taking place. There are State fees for disposal of residuals that come out of a recycling facility that is already paid to the facility. The goal is to get that \$13/ton waived. The state requires garbage that went into the landfill be taxed although sometimes the landfill operator cannot collect from the generator but yet tax is still owed to the state. This legislation would exempt landfills from that tax.

10. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

WIRMC conference is back in Green Bay this year February 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>.  
The County will fund staff and board members again this year.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3.35 pm.

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John Katers, Chair  
Solid Waste Board

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Dean Haen, Director  
Port & Resource Recovery Department